



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 183**

January Session, 2011

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**AN ACT CREATING A CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION TASK FORCE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a childhood  
2       immunization task force. Said task force shall: (1) Develop a plan to (A)  
3       maintain access to high-quality immunizations for children in the state,  
4       (B) determine how to respond to recommendations by the National  
5       Centers for Disease Control for new childhood immunizations not  
6       currently provided by the state immunization program administered  
7       by the Department of Public Health, (C) implement a program  
8       permitting health care providers who administer vaccines to children  
9       under the federal Vaccines for Children program to select, and the  
10      Department of Public Health to provide, vaccines licensed by the  
11      federal Food and Drug Administration, and (D) determine how best to  
12      cover the cost of immunizations for children in the state, and (2)  
13      consider whether the state should continue universal immunization for  
14      children in the state.

15      (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

16      (1) Two representatives of the pharmaceutical industry, one each  
17      appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives and the  
18      president pro tempore of the Senate;

19      (2) Two representatives of the insurance industry, one each

20 appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives and  
21 the majority leader of the Senate;

22 (3) Two representatives of the American Academy of Pediatrics, one  
23 each appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives  
24 and the minority leader of the Senate;

25 (4) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
26 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
27 relating to public health;

28 (5) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
29 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
30 relating to human services;

31 (6) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
32 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
33 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies;

34 (7) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
35 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
36 relating to insurance;

37 (8) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
38 designee;

39 (9) The Commissioner of Insurance, or the commissioner's designee;

40 (10) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's  
41 designee;

42 (11) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the  
43 secretary's designee; and

44 (12) An employee of the Department of Public Health, appointed by  
45 the Commissioner of Public Health, responsible for immunizations.

46 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than

47 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy of an  
48 appointed membership shall be filled by the appointing authority.

49 (d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
50 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task  
51 force, from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons  
52 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held  
53 not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

54 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
55 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
56 health and the staff of the Office of Legislative Research shall serve as  
57 administrative staff of the task force.

58 (f) Not later than February 1, 2012, the task force shall submit a  
59 report on its findings and recommendations, including  
60 recommendations for legislation, to the joint standing committees of  
61 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
62 health, human services, appropriations and the budgets of state  
63 agencies and insurance, in accordance with the provisions of section  
64 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date  
65 that it submits such report or February 1, 2012, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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